

Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A safety bathtub comprising:
 - at least one upstanding wall; and
 - a built-in thermometer in said wall, said thermometer including a measuring portion and a scale portion, and said thermometer being mounted such that said measuring portion is immersed in water when the bathtub has water in it, and said scale portion is out of the water when the bathtub has water in it, for continual monitoring by a person from outside and above the bathtub.
2. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said thermometer is mounted in a recess pre-formed in the wall of the bathtub.
3. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 2, wherein said thermometer is releasably snap-fit into said recess.
4. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said thermometer is permanently mounted in said wall.
5. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said thermometer is a digital thermometer.
6. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said thermometer is an angled thermometer.
7. (Currently amended) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said thermometer is mounted flush with said wall, so as not to protrude or extend into the bathtub.

8. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 1, wherein said bathtub is a portable baby's bathtub formed of plastic.

9. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 8, wherein said thermometer is mounted flush with said wall.

10. (Original) The safety bathtub according to claim 8, wherein said thermometer is mounted in a recess pre-formed in the wall of the bathtub.

11. (Currently amended): A safety bathtub including a shell with an upstanding wall, and a thermometer-receiving recess formed in said wall, said recess being located partially beneath a recommended water level line, and partially above said recommended water level line, thereby permitting for continual monitoring by a person outside and above the bathtub.

12. (Currently amended) A method of forming a safety bathtub comprising the steps of:

mounting a thermometer, including a temperature measuring portion and a scale portion, in a wall of a bathtub, to form a built-in thermometer;

arranging said temperature measuring portion beneath a recommended water level line, and at least a portion of said scale portion above said recommended water level line, to permit continuous monitoring of the temperature in said bathtub beneath said water level line by a person outside and above the bathtub.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of forming a recess in said bathtub wall, and wherein said step of mounting includes mounting said thermometer in said recess.

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14. (Cancelled herein without prejudice)

15. (Cancelled herein without prejudice)